[Mr. N. V. Chacko]

(*b*) whether any library in the Paur taluk has applied for grant during this year ; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government have taken on the application ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A grant of Rs. 30 was sanctioned for 1112 to the Sri Chitra Memorial Reading Club and Library, Parur.

Construction of a road from Kumarapuram to Thammanam.

69. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the petitions sent, praying for construction of a road from Kumarapuram to Thammanam which will connect the road from Ernakulam to Thammanam with the road from Muvattupuzha to Kumarapuram and thus enable communication by land between Muvattupuzha and Ernakulam by the shortest routes ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : A preliminary investigation of the work was made, but considering the heavy cost, it was not proceeded with.

Statement, by caste, of prisoners in the Central Prison.

70. ***Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the prisoners in the Central Prison ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: *Statements showing the caste-war lists of prisoners are laid on the table.

Construction of a bridge at Poovar.

71. ***Mr. K. R. Elankath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public urging the necessity for the construction of a bridge at Poovar in Neyyattinkara taluk

(*b*) whether any estimate was prepared and sanctioned by the Government for the construction of the said bridge ;

(*c*) if so, when and what was the estimated cost ; and

(*d*) why the work was not carried out ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to (*b*) above.

* *Vide* Appendix I page 495.

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Mr. K. R. Elankath: With reference to part (*a*) may I know what action has been taken on those representations ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The Division Officer made a report and has been instructed to send up an estimate for the same.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know when the report was made ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: A rough estimate was prepared. But it was send back to the Division Officer to supply further information.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know the approximate cost that is needed for constructing the bridge ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: About Rs. 25,000.—

Construction of the Chalackal canal.

72. ***Mr. K. M. Korah** (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the construction of the Chalackal canal in Changanachery taluk was begun ;

(*b*) at what stage the construction is at present ; and

(*c*) what stands in the way of the completion of the work ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) The work of cutting the Chalackal canal was begun some 74 years ago.

(*b*) and (*c*) The original scheme was given up due to sheet rock being met within the bed and the scheme was dropped in view of the heavy expenditure involved in working out the scheme. The cutting open of the small canal of 1500 ft. from the western end was started in 1106 and completed in 1107.

Mr. K. M. Korah: May I know the approximate amount needed with regard to the working of the original scheme ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I do not know the estimated cost of the scheme originally, but about Rs 60,000 will be required to complete it.

Rules under the Travancore Trade Unions Regulation.

73. ***Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai**: (*Quilon* cum *Kunnatur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Travancore Trade Unions Bill was passed into law ;

(*b*) whether the rules for the working of the Travancore Trade Unions Regulation have been framed and published ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for the same ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

(*a*) The Bill was passed on the 18th March 1937

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The rules are being framed.

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